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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST STUDY

1. IN CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 24 WITH VISITING RPM OFFICER (SWIERS) FCO (DEFENCE DEPARTMENT) OFFICERS SAID BRITISH HAD BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED WITH THE FIRST DRAFT OF PART TWO OF EAST-WEST STUDY. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD NEED EDITORIAL TRIMMING, THEY FELT ITS DRAFTIN HAD BEEN A VALUABLE EXERCISE IN ALLIED CONSULTATION ON EAST-WEST ISSUES.

2. ON PART III OF DRAFT, FCO HAS REACHED NO CONCLUSION ON HOW IT SHOULD BE HANDLED. FCO OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT THE ALLIES WOULD ASSUME, AND IN FACTWOULD THINK IT DESIRABLE, THAT THE US PRESENT ITS OWN VIEWS CONCERNING PART III, SINCE THE STUDY IS A RESULT OF A US INITIATIVE AND THE MAY SUMMIT WILL BE HOSTED BY WASHINGTON. THEY DID NOT FORESEE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE FRENCH ON THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, SINCE THERE WOULD BE WAYS TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS WHICH WOULD STILL PERMIT BILATERAL EAST-WEST POLICIES. THEY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT SERIOUS DISCUSSIO OF THE PUBLIC HANDLING OF THE CONCLUSIONS COULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER THE FRENCH ELECTIONS. AS FOR PROCEDUR
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FOR DRAFTING PART III, BRITISH HAVE NOT YET CHOSEN AN OPTION, BUT BELIEVE MOST FEASIBLE COURSE MAY BE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM FOLLOWED BY DRAFTING BY A SINGLE PERSON OR SMALL GROUP.

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